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NOTICE RE: CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION

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TO : Supervisor, Art Unit 1615

SUBJECT : Certificate of Correction Request in Patent No.: 6294197

A response to the following question is requested with respect to the accompanying request for a certificate of correction.

With respect to the change(s) requested, correcting Office and/or Applicant's errors, should the patent read as shown in the certificate of correction? No new matter should be introduced, nor should the scope or meaning of the claims be changed.

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Note your decision by placing a check mark in the appropriate box below, indicating whether all changes requested in the Request for Certificate of Correction should be applied. Please specify which changes should not be applied and indicate the reason(s) for denial, in the "Comments" section below.



YES



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PATENT NO : ~~US~~ 6,294,197 B1
 DATED: ~~Robert F. Wagner~~ September 25, 2001
 INVENTOR(S) : ~~Robert F. Wagner~~ WAGNER ET AL.

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Title Page Item (57)
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line 44 (~~claim 6, line 1~~) should read:
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line 7 (~~claim 14, line 1~~) should read:
--A compressed solid dosage form according to claim 12--
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